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**Potain wins big at 2021 Tower Crane Awards in Paris**

* *Potain distributors came top in three categories at the third Tower Cranes Awards, held September 23 at the Museum of Fairground Arts in Paris, France.*
* *GLI was recognised in the Top-slewing Assembly of the Year category for its erection by helicopter of an MCT 58 on top of a remote dam on the island of La Réunion.*
* *Valente Grue Assistance won Self-erecting Assembly of the Year for a GTMR 386B working in the Alps at an altitude of 2,700 m.*
* *Uperio took home the prize for Construction Site of the Year for its assembly of 16 MR 608 cranes on a 10 m chassis at the Fecamp offshore wind farm in Normandy.*

It was a good night for Potain at the recent third edition of the Tower Crane Awards, organized by the Federation of Construction and Handling Equipment (DLR) and the Professional Union of Crane technicians (SPMDG).

The awards ceremony took place at the Museum of Fairground Arts in Paris on September 23 and Potain distributors were recognized in three categories – Top-slewing Assembly of the Year, Self-erecting Assembly of the Year and Construction Site of the Year.

The prize for Top-slewing Assembly of the Year went to GLI (Grues Levages Investissements) for the erection of a [specially designed Potain MCT 58 on the Sainte-Rose dam in a remote area of La Réunion](https://www.manitowoc-lookingup.com/post/mission-im-possible-how-a-potain-crane-landed-in-one-of-the-most-remote-jobsites-on-earth). Due to the difficult terrain, the crane elements needed to be transported to the site and lifted into place using a commercial helicopter. Potain designed the crane so that each element would not exceed the 1 t maximum capacity of the helicopter. The new MCT 58 crane was initially used to dismantle the old Potain 427 which had been on the site for more than 30 years and will later be used to maintain the dam.

Valente Grue Assistance, meanwhile, came top in the Self-erecting Assembly of the Year category for erecting a GTMR 386B in the Alps at an altitude of 2,700 m. The distributor’s main challenge was to climb a ski slope, towing a 28 t load to the top of the resort.

Finally, Uperio took home the award for Construction Site of the Year for the assembly of 16 MR 608 luffing jib cranes with 10 m chassis and travelling mechanisms at the Fecamp offshore wind farm in Normandy. The assembly involved complex international logistics with 250 containers, as well as pre-assembly of certain components before starting the erection of the cranes. A huge and challenging construction site.

“It is a pleasure to see our hardworking Potain distribution partners recognized for their collaboration, experience and skill on these complicated erections. Many congratulations to the winners who once again wear Potain’s colours high!” said Stéphane Giraudo, Sales Director France and Benelux at Manitowoc.

For more information on Potain tower cranes, please visit the [Manitowoc website](https://www.manitowoc.com/potain/top-slewing-cranes).

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Captions

Image 1: All winners at the Tower Crane Awards 2021.

Image 2: GLI used a helicopter to lift elements in the assembly of a Potain MCT 58 crane on a dam on La Réunion. Credit: GLI

Image 3: Valente Grue Assistance had to transport a Potain GTMR 386B up a ski slope for assembly at an altitude of 2,700 m in the Alps. Credit: Cyril Thévenon.

Image 4: Potain cranes at work at the Fecamp offshore wind farm in Normandy. Credit: Alexis Personnic

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